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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Paul Huber	2653	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wachi (USP-5,537,374).

Wachi discloses a servo method for an optical recording medium for performing a tracking servo and sled servo by receiving an electric signal in proportion to a quantity of reflected light outputted from an optical pickup and detecting a tracking error signal by a push-pull method. See figure 20. An amount of DC offset is detected per track by element 17A when moving an object lens of the optical pickup in a specified direction before a servo operation for recording/reproduction. The tracking servo is performed for recording/reproduction by generating a tracking drive signal as compensating for the amount of DC offset per track with respect to the tracking error signal during a normal servo operation. Adder 48A outputs the tracking drive signal compensated for the amount of offset.

Claims 2-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 10-16 are allowed.

Applicant's arguments filed September 17, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claim 1, the applicant argues that "the Wachi patent does not disclose the step of 'detecting an amount of offset per track...'" The examiner respectfully disagrees. In reference to figure 20, Wachi teaches that circuit 17A detects the amount of DC offset when switch SW1 is in a closed state (sampling signal 58 has a time period of level "H"). In reference to figures 5 and 15d, Wachi further teaches that the "time period of level 'H' of this control signal is a sampling time period indicating the time period of the offset cancel area B where address information, etc. is recorded" (col. 21, lines 11-14). Thus, since an offset cancel area B is present on each track as shown by figure 5, the Wachi patent discloses the step of detecting an amount of offset per track as claimed.

Regarding claim 17, the applicant argues that "specifically, the Wachi patent does not detect ... the DC offset per track before a servo operation [for recording/reproduction] recited in claim 17." The examiner respectfully disagrees. As explained above with respect to claim 1, the Wachi patent discloses the step of detecting an amount of DC offset per track as claimed in claim 17. Furthermore, since the detection of the offset is performed in the offset cancel area B, which is the area located before the area A for normal recording/reproduction of information, the

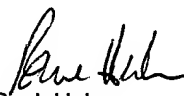
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Wachi patent discloses the step of detecting the DC offset before a servo operation for recording/reproduction in the area A as claimed. See figure 5.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Paul Huber at telephone number 703-308-1549.


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Art Unit 2653

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